

(Shakes head)

Are you finished?

まだ + Negative Form (Not yet)

The 'Not Yet' Status
(まだ終わっていない状態)

Expectation vs. Reality



It hasn't happened YET



Mada paired with a negative verb means 'not yet.' It's for something supposed to happen, but hasn't occurred at this moment.

The 'Mada' Waiting Room



たまだ + Verb
(Negative)

まだ

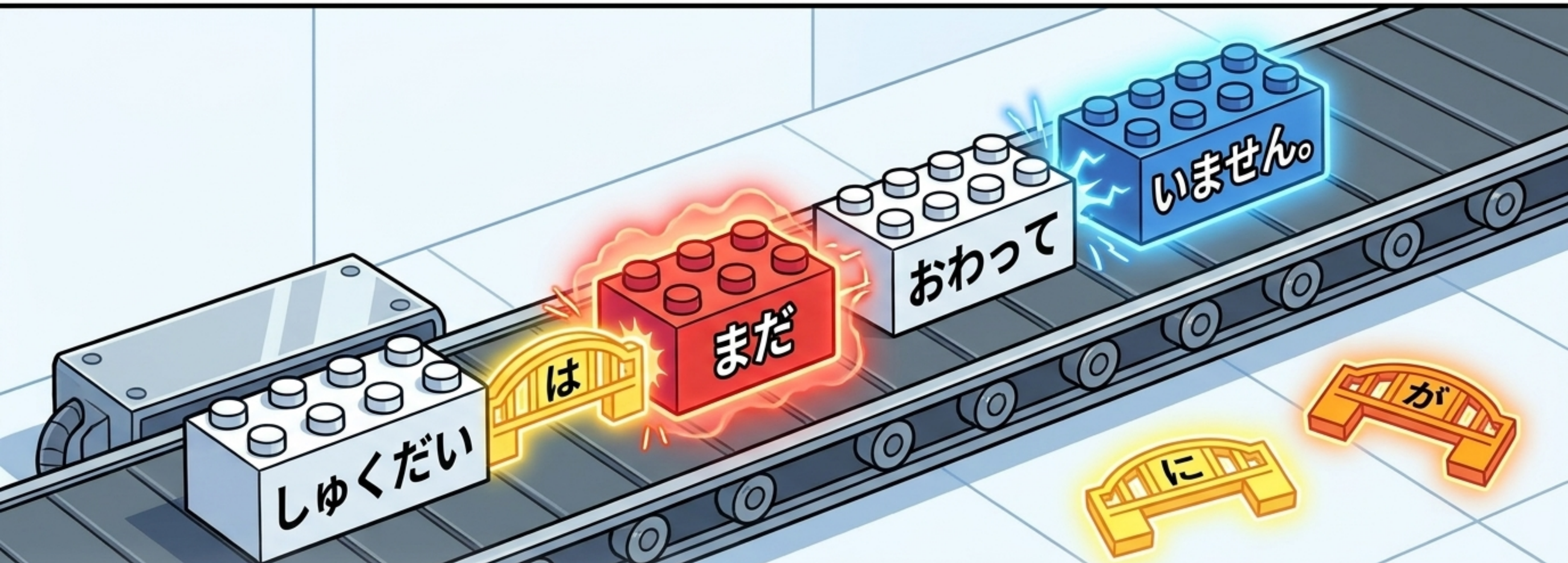
Negative

たべ
る



The structure is simple.
Mada + Tabemasen = Haven't eaten yet.

Sentence Assembly Line



しゅくだいは まだ おわって いません。

(I haven't finished my homework yet.)

Raya's Hack

The Pro Version!

Does it have a heartbeat?

まだ + ~ていません

While you can say “Mada tabemasen,” N4 students should use “**~te imasen**”. It describes a state that is continuing. The state of “not having eaten” is still ongoing right now. It sounds much more natural!

Don't do this!

「まだたべます!」

× Mada + Positive

Careful, Joy! If you use 'Mada' with a positive verb, it means 'Still' or 'More' (I will eat more / I'm still eating). To say 'not yet,' the verb **MUST** be negative!

The N4 Cheat Sheet



**Structure: まだ + Verb
(Negative).**

**Best form: まだ ~ていません
(Haven't ~ yet).**

**Meaning: Action hasn't
happened at this moment.**

**Contrast: もう (Already) is the
opposite of まだ (Not yet).**